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THE



# MAIL.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent.  
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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

## AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Plaintiff—CHUN A-YAU.  
Defendant—NG A-KEW.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, to sell by Public Auction, under a Decree of the Court made in the above Suit, on the Premises, on

FRIDAY,

the 15th March, 1878, at THREE o'clock in the Afternoon.—

All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, situate lying and being at Victoria, in the Island of Hongkong, abutting on the North side thereof on the Praya, and measuring thereon Fourteen feet; on the South side thereof on a Public Road and measuring thereon Fourteen feet; on the East side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 70, and measuring thereon One Hundred feet; and on the West side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 206, and measuring thereon One Hundred feet, which said PIECE or PARCEL of Ground contains in the whole One Thousand and Four Hundred square feet, and is registered in the Land Office as MARINE Lot No. 80. For the residue of the term of 999 years created by a Crown Lease dated the 28th day of May, 1867, to commence from the 28th day of December, 1868; subject to the Yearly Rent of Twenty-four Dollars and Sixty-eight Cents, and to all other covenants and stipulations in the said Lease reserved or contained.

The foregoing Property will be sold subject to a Mortgage of \$1,600, and interest thereon at 8% per cent. per annum calculated from the 28th day of January, 1878, and the said Mortgage expires on the 28th day of January, 1879.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to WILLIAM HENRY BREKTON, solicitor for the Plaintiff, 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

J. M. ALMSTRONG,  
Attorney.  
Hongkong, February 25, 1878. mcl9

## For Sale.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

### HAVE FOR SALE.

E. M. M. S. "AVI,"  
AND OTHER RECENT ARRIVALS.

TEYSSONNEAU'S STRAWBERRIES  
in SYRUP.  
TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS  
in NOYEAU.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS  
in BRANDY.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED PATES,  
in Patent TINS.

TEYSSONNEAU'S PATE DE FOIE GRAS,  
in Patent TINS.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED JAMS and  
JELLIES, in Glass Bottles.

PHILIPS and CANAUD'S ASSORTED  
PATES.

PHILIPS and CANAUD'S LONG ASPA-  
RAGUS.

PHILIPS and CANAUD'S SARDINES.

FENARD & FILS,  
FINEST

CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

CIGARETTES, COMPAGNIE LAFERME,

RICHMOND SMOKING MIXTURE.

BARCELONA NUTS.

PEA NUTS.

ALMONDS in SHELL.

SMYRNA FIGS.

MUSCATEL BLOOM RAISINS, in

Cartons.

EPES COCOA.

BORDEN'S CONDENSED MILK.

GOLDEN GATE FLOUR, in Barrels.

GALETINE and ISINGLAS, in 4 lb.

Packets.

WAFFLE IRONS. AMERICAN

BROILERS.

VERY FINE

"O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

BILLIARD CUE TIPS.

BILLIARD CEMENT.

BILLIARD CHALK.

BILLIARD TABLE CLOTHS.

BARCLAY and PEKING PORTER, in

Hopsheads.

HOTCH'S ASSORTED TARRED and

WHITE LINES.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, February 22, 1878. mcl8

## FOR SALE.

LARGE TAKASIMA COAL,  
Ex GODOWN at \$8 per Ton.

Apply to

THS. G. GLOVER,

No. 7, Queen's Road Central, and

East Point.

Hongkong, February 18, 1878. mcl8

COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM

COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to

BATTLES & Co.

Hongkong, December 3, 1877. mcl8

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE

CANTONESE DIACRITIC. Parts I

and II, A to M, with Introduction, Royal

8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN ETEL,

Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS

AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD

& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs

KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878. mcl8

INTIMATIONS.

STANDARD FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

DISCOUNT 20 %

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878. mcl8

## INTIMATIONS.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, 120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

## Intimations.

### EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

UMBRELLAS, AUTOMATON PATENT.

NOVELTIES in TIES and SCARFS.

COLLARS and SHIRTS, in New Shapes.

CHRISTY'S Newest Shapes in HATS.

TALL BLACK SILK and DRAB HATS.

Elwood's CORK and FELT HELMETS.

MEERSCHAUM and BRIAR PIPES.

CIGAR TUBES, Assorted.

LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS.

RACQUET BATS and BALLS.

CRICKET BATS, BALLS and STUMPS.

CABINETS of GAMES.

LADIES' DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.

MANTLE-PIECE MIRRORS.

FRENCH and ENGLISH DOLLS.

AMERICAN ICE PITCHERS.

RUSSIAN CIGARETTES.

SILVER KEROSINE LAMPS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, February 25, 1878.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the

Seventh Ordinary MEETING of the

SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company

will be held at the Head Office, Victoria

Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 22nd March

1878, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1877.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

OYLPHANT & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, February 22, 1878. mcl8

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of MEMBERS of the HONGKONG

GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be

held at the City Hall, on THURSDAY,

the 7th PROXIMO, 1878

## Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Ex "Ava."

FP (in diamond) No. 1778, from 2 cases Hats, London.

Ex "Amazona."

WGG No. 4201, Mr W. G. Greig, 1 cask Wine, from Marseilles.  
" " 4202, Mr W. G. Greig, 3 cases Brandy, from Marseilles.  
" " 4203, Mr W. G. Greig, 8 cases Brandy, from Marseilles.  
" " 3250/55, Order, 6 cases Chambagne, from Marseilles.

Hongkong, February 28, 1878.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

*Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:*

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.

TARTAR, German brig, Captain Kaemena.—Melchers &amp; Co.

MANIS, German barque, Captain Hundewadt.—Weier &amp; Co.

PALESTINE, British barque, Captain H. Scowcroft.—Ta Lee.

LOUISA, German 3-m. schooner, Captain Scherlach.—Edward Scheilhass &amp; Co.

MARQUE OF ARGYLE, British barque, Captain W. McKeon.—Rosario &amp; Co.

NORTH STAR, American ship, Captain J. U. Thompson.—Order.

DANUBE, British steamer, Captain A. Clanchy.—Yuen Fat Hong.

P. J. CARLETON, American barque, Capt. J. A. Ainsburg.—P. &amp; O. Co.

TAI LI, German barque, Captain T. C. Petersen.—Wm. Fustau &amp; Co.

FERNWOOD, British steamer, Captain Mackie.—Chinese.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG," Captain WESTBURY, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 7th Instant, at Day-light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &amp; Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878. mrd4

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

THE STAG HOTEL, 10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

IS now undergoing EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS and REPAIRS, and will be ENTIRELY RE-FURNISHED and OPENED for BUSINESS on 9th March, 1878, under new Management.

First rate Accommodation for Visitors. Attached to the Hotel is a commodious Billiard Room.

WINES and SPIRITS of the BEST QUALITY ONLY.

P. R. O. P. I. E. T. O. R.—J. COOK, STAG HOTEL, Queen's Road, Hongkong, March 4, 1878. mrd1

HORSE AUCTION.

L. ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 7th March, 1878, at 4 o'clock p.m., at the Fountain opposite the CITY HALL, granted by kind permission of the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police).

The following well-known RACERS and HACKS:—

"COCKCHAFFER."

"COCKROACH."

"THE PRINCE."

"THE DOCTOR."

"STANDARD BEARER."

"WAVERLEY."

And others which will be advertised hereafter.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878. mrd7

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A THIRD RETURN of CAPITAL and INTEREST at the Rate of FIVE TABLES per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 26th February, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 28th March.

Watcants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th March inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL &amp; Co.

Liquidators.

Shanghai, February 28, 1878. mrd8

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The British Steamer "AMBOTO," Capt. Brown, will load here for the above Ports, and will leave on THURSDAY, the 7th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HOP KEE &amp; Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878. mrd7

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

March 8, Hochung, Chinese steamer, 849, Petersen, Shanghai Feb. 27, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

March 3, Malabar, British steamer, 1270, W. H. Gould, Saigon Feb. 26, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHEISON & Co.

March 3, Fury, Chinese steamer, 920, Cross, Shanghai Feb. 28, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

March 3, Madagascar, German steamer, 884, T. Timm, Haiphong Feb. 28, Rice.—SIEMSEN & Co.

March 3, Ningpo, British steamer, from Canton. mrd7

March 3, Gustav, German barque, 656, J. Raben, Swatow March 2, Ballast.—SIEMSEN & Co.

March 8, Esmeralda, British steamer, 395, T. F. Cullen, Amoy March 1, General.—RUSSELL & Co.

March 4, Dale, British steamer, 652, J. Thompson, Haiphong Feb. 26, and Hoitow March 1, Rice.—YUEN FAT HONG.

March 4, Java, Dutch steamer, 886, R. J. Weber, Saigon Feb. 27, Rice and Salt.—CHINESE.

March 4, Aza, French steamer, 2177, Hernandez, Shanghai March 1, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

March 4, Amoy, British steamer, 814, Drewes, Shanghai March 1, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

March 4, Peru, German brig, from Whampoa.

March 4, Peng-chou-hat, Chinese R. C., from a cruise.

## DEPARTURES.

Mar. 8, Sophie, for Quinhon.  
3, Norma, for Swatow.  
3, Hochung, for Canton.  
4, Fury, for Canton.  
4, Hieronymus, for Newchwang.  
4, Hans, for Chefoo.  
4, Peito, for Newchwang.  
4, Ningpo, for Shanghai.  
4, Esmeralda, for Manila.  
4, Taiwan, for Coast Ports.

## CLEARED.

Marie, for Newchwang.  
Dauphin, for Labuan.  
Ridotto, for Newchwang.  
St. Anne, for Newchwang.  
Georgia, for Chefoo.  
Jesus, for Chefoo.  
Anna, for Chefoo.  
Galatea, for London.  
Butuan, for Manila.  
Hermann, for Newchwang.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Ara, from Shanghai; for Hongkong, Messrs J. B. Manson, F. B. Forbes, Carvalho, and 5 Chinese; for Marseilles, Rev. Mr and Mrs W. J. Boone and infant, Mr E. Macintosh, Rev. Mr and Mrs R. Palmer, 4 children and servant, Mr and Mrs G. M. Hart, Messrs Mo Ping Chang and Chang Ya Shing, Mrs Chang and infant, Messrs E. Buchanan, F. Renie, Tao Tsin Yu, Yol Young, Chin Shih Yune, T. H. Mitchell, and H. G. Sanders.

Per Amy, from Shanghai, Mr Myenberg, and 17 Chinese.

Per Hochung, from Shanghai, 22 Chinese.

Per Fury, from Shanghai, 52 Chinese.

Per Madagascar, from Haiphong, 2 Chinese.

Per Dale, from Haiphong and Hoitow, 16 Chinese.

Per Esmeralda, from Amoy, 290 Chinese and 3 European deck.

Per Java, from Saigon, 2 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Esmeralda, for Manila, Mr W. H. Taylor.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer "Malabar" reports: Light breeze and fine for first two days, latter part strong N.E. monsoon.

The British steamer "Esmeralda" reports: Left Amoy on the 1st Inst., had fresh monsoon and clear weather to Breaker Point. Thence to port strong monsoon and thick drizzling weather.

The British steamer "Dale" reports: Strong N.E. gale with rain and fog throughout the passage. On the 28th Inst. passed S. S. Conquest and Zamboanga off Hoitow for Haiphong. Straits in Haiphong: Thales and Charlton.

The British steamer "Java" reports: During the passage very strong N.E. monsoon and very high sea, last two days very foggy and rainy.

The British steamer "Amy" reports: Experienced calms and fine weather as far as Turnabout Island; from thence to port moderate monsoon and thick weather with rain. On this day, spoke the German barque "Christine" from Hongkong bound North, of Pedro Blanco.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

For BANGKOK.—

Per Bentan, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 8th Inst.

For AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWAN.—

Per "Abay," at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 7th Inst.

For MANILA.—

Per barque "Minerva," at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 6th Inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—

Per "Kwangtung," at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the 6th Inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—

Per "Ambo," at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 7th Inst.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet "Ava" will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 7th March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 6th March:—

Daylight.—"Abay" leaves for Amoy and Formosa.

Thursday, 7th March:—

Daylight.—"Kwangtung" leaves for Coast Ports.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Friday, 8th March:—

7 a.m.—Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m.—Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters (but Letters only) except those bound through Asia and Africa, may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

Hongkong, February 21, 1878. mrd7

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zeland Lodge.

## General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, March 6:—

Daylight.—"Abay" leaves for Amoy and Formosa.

THURSDAY, March 7:—

Daylight.—"Kwangtung" leaves for Coast Ports.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

5 p.m.—"Abay" leaves for Singapore, &c.

4 p.m.—Meeting of H. K. General Chamber of Commerce, at the City Hall.

4 p.m.—Sale of Horses, opposite the City Hall.

FRIDAY, March 8:—

Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 22nd March, inclusive.

MONDAY, March 11:—

3 p.m.—Occidental &amp

Here *Soud* drew ahead and shewed the way to the Rock, but was only allowed a short turn of office, as *Spray* coming forward led the way to the Winding Post and won by a short head, *Presto* having dropped into a rear guard.

Time 2 min. 22 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

#### THE VISITOR'S CUP.

This was a one mile race for a Cup presented by the visitors to the Grand Stand, and valued at \$150.

Five ponies faced the starter, viz.:

Paul's Black Velvet,	1
Paul's Devon,	2
Sydney's Pawnee,	3
Skelton's Cockroach,	0
Deveron's Spy,	0

To a good start *Pawnee* and *Black Velvet* got away with the lead and maintained it to the half mile post, when *Devon* came forward, and the three ran abreast passing the Rock. *Black Velvet* here took the lead which he held to the finish, *Nickels* trying in vain to cut him out; *Pawnee* was a good third.

Time, 2min. 27 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

#### THE TEMPTATION CUP.

This was a mile and a half spin for a cup presented by *Temptation*'s owner, valued at \$100, and five ponies came to the post viz.:

Edward's Jambarree, 10st. 9lb.	1
Voh Kien's Cassoucon, 11st. 4lb.	2
St. Andrew's Sunbeam, 10st. 9lb.	3
Paul's The Russian, 11st. 1lb.	0
Mouat's The Doctor, 11st. 1lb.	0

*Jambarree* made the running, with *The Doctor* and *Sunbeam* in close attendance, *Cassoucon* and *The Russian* lying off till passing the Stand the second time, where they drew up to the leaders, and at the Black Rock the runners were all together. Near the village *The Doctor* and *Russian* were beaten, and *Jambarree* entered the Straight with a commanding lead, which he increased as he went along and won in a common canter by any number of lengths. *Cassoucon* was second and *Sunbeam* third, close together.

Time, 3min. 44sec.

#### THE WHITE VELVET'S CUP.

This was a race for a Cup presented by the owner of *White Velvet*, valued at \$200, the distance being one mile and a half. The following ponies entered:

St. Andrew's Quicksilver,	1
Skelton's Cockchafer,	2
Yorke's White Lily,	0

*Cockchafer* made running, *White Lily* lying second until three quarters of a mile from home, where Mr. Tennant sent the little grey to the front and having both her opponents dead settled in a few strides, she cantered home the easiest of winners. A rattling set-to between the other pair for second money ended in favor of *Cockchafer* by a short neck.

Time, 3min. 53secs.

#### THE FIRST NATIVE SCRAMBLE.

Hickling's Scylla, 1  
Conner's Allendale, 2  
W. M. Annesley's Ariel, 3  
Paul's White Velvet, 0  
Cyno's Temptation, 0  
Five ponies entered for this event, which was a mile spin. There were three prizes, viz., \$25, \$10 and \$5. *Scylla* made all the running and won easily in a canter.

#### SECOND NATIVE SCRAMBLE.

For this race, which was a sort of consolation event for all beaten ponies, there were nine entries. The prizes were first \$10, second \$5.

Micawber's Soud, 1  
St. Andrew's Spray, 2  
Paul's Beauty, 3  
St. Andrew's Smike, 0  
Edward's Presto, 0  
Deveron's Spy, 0  
W. H. Forbes' Sabreux, 0  
Mouat's The Prince, 0  
Voh Kien's Torpedo, 0

*Soud* won this after a hard tussle, and thus closed the races of 1878.

Time not taken.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

March 4, 1878.

#### DRUNK.

William Harris, a seaman belonging to the British barque *Moss Glen*, was fined 50 cents.

Edward Church, seaman U.S.S. *Monocacy*, was fined 50 cents.

#### PICKING POCKETS.

Luk Aling, a coolie, was sent to six months' hard labour for stealing \$8 from the person of one Ng Asee, a watchman at the Oriental Hotel.

#### SUPREME COURT.

##### IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before the Full Court.)

March 4, 1878.

In the estate of Antonio Olona—application for distribution of assets.

The testator was a Spaniard who came from Manila in May 1872, and died here on the 12th January 1872. The property left consisted of the proceeds of the sale of a vessel as provided for in a will left by the testator. The proceeds were to be divided into three parts, two going to the widow and one to the son.

Mr. Hayllar, &c., instructed by Messrs. Stephens and Holmes, appeared for the

#### widow, to apply for the distribution of the assets as provided for in the will.

The Attorney General, the Hon. G. Phillippe, instructed by Mr. Breerton, appeared for one Francisco Uriarte, a creditor in the estate, and for the son Antonio Olona.

#### Mr. Francis, instructed by Messrs. Sharp, Toller, and Johnson, appeared for the liquidators in the insolvent estate of Russell, Sturgis & Co., who claimed also against the estate.

#### Mr. Hayllar urged the statute of limitations.

The Attorney General claimed on behalf of Mr. Uriarte on three promissory notes payable on the 1st June 1871, 30th June 1871, and 24th May 1871 respectively. These bills although due in 1871 were endorsed to Mr. Uriarte on the 10th June 1872. Before the bills were due in 1871, Mr. Olona left Manila for Hongkong for the benefit of his health, but died here subsequently. Under the circumstances, the plaintiff could not sue in Manila, and Mr. Olona, being only a visitor in the Colony, it was not reasonable, the learned Attorney General urged, to sue him in this Court. After his death, probate was granted on the 31st January 1872. The son liquidated the estate of Manila and incurred an expenditure of \$1265 88, and he was now willing that if we were paid these expenses, the balance of his share in the property should be applied to the payment of the creditors. The £. G. contended that the date should count from the date of the probate.

Mr. Francis, on behalf of the liquidators of Russell, Sturgis & Co., urged that within the six years there was an acknowledgment of the debt in writing which would remove the debt beyond the scope of the statute of limitations. There had also been payments made on account of the claim. Russell, Sturgis & Co. had been authorised by the legatees to apply the proceeds of certain sales to the payment of the claim.

The son was called to prove the letter of acknowledgment of claim, and to the authority as to sale of the goods and the application of the proceeds. In reply to Mr. Hayllar he stated that he did not know that Messrs. Russell, Sturgis & Co. had any lien on the goods.

Mr. Hayllar then replied and relied on the statute of limitations, the debts having been due more than six years. He contended that neither widow nor son had any authority to write the letter of acknowledgment, and that therefore the statute would apply.

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Mr. Francis enquired if he was to understand that judgment was reserved. He understood his Lordship to say that he only expressed an opinion and did not give a decision.

His Lordship warmly replied that the learned counsel had already repeated his words and he would leave it to him to infer. Having said this, his Lordship retired.

Mr. Francis then asked Mr. Justice Snowden whether he was to understand that judgment was reserved or not. He could not say whether what was said by the Chief Justice was a decision or no decision.

Mr. Justice Snowden replied that he understood the Chief Justice had decided the case, that the Statute of Limitations would apply.

The Court then rose.

#### China.

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(Herald, Feb. 21st.)

The retail value of rice in the city and suburbs is said to be from \$5 to \$6 per picul, or about 30 per cent above the average price. Nearly all descriptions of food are reported to be much dearer than usual.

We have just been informed of the seizure on board the S. S. *Taiwan*, which arrived this afternoon from Hongkong, of three chests Opium. We understand that some of the Chinese crew who are suspected of participation in this attempted fraud on the Chinese revenue have been arrested.

Two Indian soldiers belonging to one of the regiments in garrison were, we understand, decapitated a few days ago for complicity in the plot, to which we alluded in a recent issue, to assassinate the Viceroy, Acting-Governor, and Provincial Judge on the morning of the Chinese New Year Day.

The freest seat has set in somewhat earlier than usual—a circumstance scarcely to be wondered at in view of the continuous heavy rainfall of the past three months. On Monday and two succeeding days the low-lying grounds on both banks of the river were flooded at high tide, and the flood in front of the Custom House was covered by several inches of water.

An inquiry was held at H. B. M.'s Vice Consular Court, Pagoda Anchorage, on the 11th instant, in re the stabbing case on board the *Maid Marian*, reported in our issue of the 7th instant. The accused, a Malayan, pleaded guilty to the charge of unlawfully wounding the chief mate of the vessel, and was committed for trial by the Supreme Court at Shanghai.

Mr. Johnson and Oelite have, we are informed, succeeded in discovering the hidden rock on which the *B. Aymer* lately struck. It is about 800 yards in circumference, with a pinnacle top, and is covered by only 9 feet of water at low tide. The bearings are the same as given in our issue

of the 7th instant, viz.:—See Dog Islet S. E. by E. & E., Square Rocks N. by W. The danger is about 24 miles from No. 1, or the Outer Buoy.

#### SHANGHAI. (Courier)

Yesterday afternoon (Feb. 24th) a party of about a dozen gentlemen, on the invitation of the manager of the G. N. T. Co., went down the river on board the Company's steamer *H. C. Orsted*. Landing at Woosung, they proceeded to the Telegraph station, their object being to try some telephones which were to bring from Europe. Several ladies were at the Company's office in Shanghai, and the instruments being attached to the telephone wires, communication was most successfully kept up for some time between the two parties. We are informed that Mr. Holland also communicated with Gutzlaff, by means of the telephone.

The British gun-vessel *Frolic*, A. E. Dupuis, Commander, left this morning (Feb. 26th) for Nagasaki.

We are informed upon the best possible authority that the Russian army took Erzeroum a fortnight ago, and that four Dabulian fortresses, viz., Rostchuk, Tur-dakai, Widin, and Silistria are in their possession.

#### (News)

The general overhaul and remodelling of the *Tung-sha* light-vessel has just been completed, under the superintendence of the Engineer-in-Chief to the Customs, and she was yesterday (Feb. 27th) towed out to sea by the revenue steamer *Kua-Hsing*, so that probably by this time she is moored at her old station, where she will show a revolving light giving white flashes at half minute intervals, as before.—The new *Kiutuan* light-vessel, which has recently been doing temporary duty for the *Tung-sha*, is to be brought to Shanghai to have a catoptric fixed light and a fog-bell fitted on board before she is sent to her intended station, in mid-channel to the north-east of the *Kiutuan* lighthouse.

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We consider that the Pilot was justified in not calling the Captain when about to pass the place where the wreck occurred, his own and other skilled evidence showing that it was neither customary nor necessary to do so, unless inability to see clearly, or other exceptional circumstances rendered the passage more than usually difficult, which does not appear to have been the case on the present occasion.

(Signed) Gzo. B. GLOVER,  
Commissioner of Customs.

Gzo. J. WILKINS,  
Lieut. U. S. N. (Nautical Assessors)  
CHAS. E. SIMMONS,  
Comdg. str. Kiang-foo,  
Custom House,  
Shanghai, 19th Feb., 1878.

#### SPORT IN THE MALAY PENINSULA.

We take the following from the *Ceylon Times* of the 80th Jan. The writer appears to have served in Perak, and his account of the sport he met with there will be found not uninteresting.—

April 16.—Leaving camp about midday with M., an officer of the detachment, I started off in a native canoe down the Perak river. The stream ran very rapidly, so in about twenty minutes we reached our destination, Campion Sayang, a Malay village situated in a coconut grove on the river bank. Passing the banks and walking inland, we soon reached the open country where we intended shooting; but, the heat being intense, rested for a long time under the shade of some large trees. It was a pretty picture; but the whistling of teal made us take up our guns and prepare for a move. A large flock of birds was flying about over the flooded ground, and after circling round for a few minutes settled about three hundred yards from us. M. tried to stalk, but with little chance of getting near the flock, owing to there being no cover; however, we had good luck, for taking alarm at M.'s approach, the teal rose, and a string of five, passing within shot of where I sat, a couple were knocked over. One fell quite dead, but the other was still alive for two or three hundred yards, then circled back, and after drolling dying close to where its comrade had fallen; rather a curious incident. Proceeding to the flock, we separated, entered the water, and waded out towards the red beds. In a very short time M. got shot, and at the report of his gun, birds rose whistling and shrieking from all parts of the lake. There must have been hundreds in the air at once; teal, herons, bitterns, egrets, and all kinds of waterfowl were on the wing. Quickly wading through the open water, which was over one's waist, I got among the rushes and had some very pretty sport. The teal were too wary to crowd close together, so all the shooting was at single birds. M. first shot secured a goose-teal as it dodged

along close to the surface of the water; next a whistling teal was added to the list of killed; and at the end of half an hour my bag contained six teal: besides, I lost a wounded bird, which flew a long distance before it came down. The frequent report of M.'s gun showed that he was not idle. After about half an hour's shooting the birds became exceedingly wild, and congregating together in great numbers, circled round and round high overhead

## Mails.

**NOTICE.**  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOATS POSTE FRANCAIS,  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;  
Also,  
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CAL-  
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 7th March, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. A. V. Commandant HERNANDEZ, with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 6th March, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 22, 1878.

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE B. S. "BELGIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 11th March, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Fright will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 10th Instant. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; values of same is required.

A RESERVATION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 23, 1878.



STEAM FOR  
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London.  
Also,  
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Australia.

THE PUNJAB AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship LOMBARDY, Captain J. ORMAN, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 14th March at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 23, 1878.

To Let.

THE Dwelling House No. 6, Mosque Terrace, possession from 15th April next.

Three Offices, in Club Chambers, The Dwelling House No. 19, Hollywood Road.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

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Apply to The MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, February 23, 1878.

To Let.

SMALL GODOWN IN DUDDELL STREET, Apply to RYLE & BAIN, Ice House.

Hongkong, February 7, 1878.

To Let.

HOUSE No. 2, Queen's Road Central, with Godown attached.

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DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

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Hongkong, May 1, 1878.

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A. MILLAR & Co.,  
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Queen's Road East.

HONGKONG.  
September 15, 1878.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th Instant at Messrs. Dodd & Co.'s OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS were carried:

1. That the affairs of the said Dodd & Co. shall be Liquidated by arrangement, and not in Bankruptcy.

2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he is hereby appointed Trustee.

3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDMUND RUSSELL be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.

ALL PAYMENTS on account of the Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the order of the Undersigned.

F. CHOMLEY,  
Trustee for the Estate of  
Dodd & Co.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE  
Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

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THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Policies accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHANGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

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